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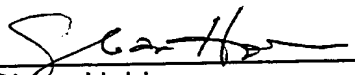
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1. I am a legal assistant at the law firm of Myers Bigel Sibley & Sajovec, P.A.
2. Attached hereto are true and accurate copies of a Submittal of Formal Drawings, two (2) sheets of formal drawings, and corresponding Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) from the files of Myers Bigel Sibley & Sajovec which indicate that they were submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on April 2, 2003.
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